

# AFRICAN VEGETATION ZONES

*Educational Reference Summary*

<b>Vegetation Zone</b>	<b>Climate Characteristics</b>	<b>Dominant Flora</b>
<b>Tropical Rainforest</b>	High temperature, heavy rainfall year-round. High humidity.	Teak, Mahogany, Ferns, Orchids, Dense canopy layers.
<b>Savanna (Grassland)</b>	Distinct wet and dry seasons. Warm temperatures throughout.	Acacia trees, Baobabs, Tall elephant grass, Scattered shrubs.
<b>Sahel (Semi-Arid)</b>	Transitional zone, low erratic rainfall, sparse vegetation.	Short grasses, thorny shrubs, drought-resistant shrubs.
<b>Desert</b>	Extreme heat, very low precipitation (less than 10 inches/year).	Cacti, Succulents, Date palms (Oases), Creosote bush.
<b>Mediterranean</b>	Hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Coastal influence.	Olive trees, Cork oaks, Scrub forest (Maquis), Vines.
<b>Montane (Highland)</b>	Cooler temperatures varying by altitude. Increased rainfall.	Bamboo, Heathers, Alpine flowers, Evergreens.